

Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA

§ 1421.414

§ 1421.408 Suspension and termination.

(a) *Suspension.* If CCC determines that a DMA is not in compliance with the DMA agreement CCC may suspend the DMA from making peanut MAL's and LDP's until the DMA corrects the violation, or longer.

(b) *Termination.* The DMA agreement may be terminated by the DMA upon 30-calendar day's written notice to CCC. CCC may cancel the agreement at any time. Upon termination DMA shall immediately cease processing MAL or LDP requests and documents except as needed to preserve CCC's position with respect to existing loans or LDP's.

§ 1421.409 Prohibited activity.

(a) DMA's approved to handle loans under this subpart may not:

(1) Discriminate against or deny any producer from receiving MAL's or LDP's because of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status for which they would otherwise be eligible under the statutes regulating the MAL and LDP program.

(2) Pool peanuts for the purpose of obtaining peanut MAL's or LDP's from CCC.

(3) Pool the proceeds obtained from peanut MAL's or LDP's made by CCC.

(4) Process farm-stored certified or measured MAL's or LDP's unless authorized by CCC.

(5) Take title to any peanuts.

(6) Operate the DMA under the same entity and tax identification number of a CCC-approved CMA.

(7) Refuse services to producers because the DMA was not granted a power of attorney for purposes of executing MAL documents to obtain MAL's for the producer, repaying the MAL for the producer, obtaining LDP's for the producer, or marketing the producer's peanuts.

(8) Adopt any scheme or device to circumvent the purpose of the peanuts MAL and LDP program regulations, the regulation governing DMA's, or the DMA's agreement with CCC.

(9) Process MAL's or LDP's for producers involved in a bankruptcy proceeding unless authorized by CCC.

(10) Process MAL's or LDP's on ineligible peanuts.

(b) If the prohibitions of this section are violated FSA or CCC may take one or more of the actions authorized in this part or otherwise authorized.

§ 1421.410 Monitoring payment limitations.

DMA's shall monitor potential gains for producers and not disburse proceeds or permit loan repayments in lieu of forfeitures of the peanuts that would produce a gain over the per person per year limit allowed to the producer by this part and part 1400 of this chapter or which would otherwise be prohibited.

§ 1421.411 Recordkeeping requirements.

A DMA shall maintain producer MAL and LDP paper documents and electronic records for an indefinite period unless otherwise notified by CCC.

§ 1421.412 Forms.

For purposes of conducting business related to this part, a DMA shall use either current CCC forms or other forms approved by CCC. A DMA may perform functions under this part only when approval has been obtained by CCC.

§ 1421.413 Powers of attorney.

DMA's may hold a power of attorney from a producer allowing the DMA to sign MAL and LDP documents for the producer, but DMA's may obtain and hold such powers only in accordance with the requirements of CCC governing such powers.

§ 1421.414 Liens and waivers.

DMA's performing loan-related functions pursuant to the authority in this subpart shall determine, to the same extent as required for loans handled by FSA county offices, whether a lien on the peanuts exists by performing or obtaining a lien search for all peanuts to be pledged for each MAL, except that the cost associated with such lien search and any necessary lien waivers shall be borne by the DMA. If a lien exists, the DMA shall obtain, on an approved CCC form, a signed waiver from